RG104 E-1 Box 121

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,
ASSAY DEPARTMENT,

March 30, 1880.

Hon A. L. Snowden
Superintendent
Sir

In order to relieve an occasional embarrassment in my duties, when U. S. gold coin is melted down & comes out not higher than 899½, I ask to know whether I should report such lots as 900. The deficiency may arise from coins of other Mints, which it is not fair for us to make up. But as they are lawful coin, & are sent here to pay for fine bars, I propose, with the concurrence of Mr. Cochran, that if they appear right, they may be paid over at once, to Mr. Cobb, for fine bars; & not made a deposit.

Very respy W. E. DuBois

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320½

U S Mint – Phila Pa
March 30/80

W. E. DuBois
Assayer

Suggests that U.
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899½ fine when
melted down shall be
rated 900; & paid
over at once to the
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Assay Department,
March 30, 1880

Hon. A.L. Snowden
Superintendent

Sir

In order to relieve an occasional embarrassment in my duties, when U.S. gold coin is melted down & comes out not higher than 899 1/2, I ask to know whether I should report such lots as 900. The deficiency may arise from coins of other Mints, which it is not fair for us to make up. But as they are lawful coin, & are sent here to pay for fine bars, I propose, with the concurrence of Mr. Cochran, that if they appear right, they may be paid over at once, to Mr. Cobb, for fine bars; & not made a deposit.

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W.E. DuBois